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In re Patent Application of:)
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FOR THERAPY OF INTRAOCULAR)
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June 30, 2004

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT AND
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2003. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of express mailing, on or before June 30, 2003. 37 CFR §§ 1.8 and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$475.00 to cover the fee for the petition for extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02 4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION: none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS: begin on page 3.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS: none.

REMARKS begin on page 7 of this paper.